

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 and ending on page 2 with the following:

The nonwoven laminate of the present invention is comprised of coarse denier meltblown filaments, wherein a spunbond resin is utilized with a conventional meltblown process so as to capture thicker filaments. In general, the meltblown process utilizes a molten polymer that is extruded under pressure through orifices in a spinneret or die. Traditionally, high velocity air impinges upon and entrains the filaments as they exit the die. Usually the energy of this step is such that the formed filaments are greatly reduced in diameter and are fractured so that microfibers of finite length are produced. Utilizing a spunbond resin with a lower melt flow rate, as well as lowering the air pressure, however, allows the collected filaments to take on a thicker diameter, providing the overall collective web with a desirable coarse texture. The process to form either a single layer or a multiple-layer fabric is continuous, that is, the process steps are uninterrupted from extrusion of the filaments to form the first layer until the bonded web is wound into a roll. Methods for producing these types of fabrics are described in U.S. Patent No. 4,041,203, hereby incorporated by reference. The resultant filaments may be of various cross-sectional profiles, which are not considered a limitation to the practice of the present invention.